

***Regular Town Board Meeting
November 17, 2004***

The Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor David Kasier.

Roll Call:	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Judy Galipeau	Present
	Councilman S. William Ritchie	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Planning Board Chairman, Walter Mittermeyer
Zoning Officer, Lee Hoaglan
Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
Residents 2

Pledge of Allegiance - followed by moment of silence

Petitioners to the Board – None

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 20, 2004
Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Communication to be filed –

Request to fill Zoning Board Vacancy – See Letter Attached from Richard Bloss volunteering for the opening.

National Park Service – Erie Canal Way Meeting – See Attached.

2005 Training School and Annual Meeting – See Attached.

Zoning Board's Report – See Attached.

Zoning Officer's Report – See Attached. Zoning Officer Hoaglan has been very busy with complaints about junk cards. One place on First Street will be getting a Summons. A Storage unit was purchased and the Lady refuses to get a Building Permit to cover it.

Mr. Swarey had the trailer that was blowing insulation around the area taken away, however, another trailer has been brought in. It does not look as though it is being used as living quarters but rather being used as a storage shed.

Supervisor David Kaiser is going to be looking into obtaining some identification badge for Zoning Officer Lee Hoaglan when he is on Town business on private property. Also, Supervisor Kaiser will look into purchasing some summons forms for Zoning Officer Lee Hoaglan.

Planning Board's Report – See Attached. Mr. Bouchard will present his program on Wind Energy at the meeting on December 15, 2004. The Planning Board Meeting on November 18, 2004 will be dealing with 6 revisions. The proposed revisions went to Harriet Haynes. In December, we will have a Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance revisions if they are approved by the County. The revisions will come to the Town Board after the county has approved them. Everyone should have a copy of these revisions.

Highway Superintendent's Report – See Attached. Mr. Williamson said that there is nothing more to add that what has already been printed. Mr. Ritchie asked Jim Williamson who that little sander belonged to. Jim Williamson said that he received it from Brian Dox at Willard Drug Treatment Center and was to be used for parts. It was a donation.

Dog Control Officer's Report – See Attached. It sounds like a relatively quiet month except for the two cocker spaniels that are running loose around town.

Assessor's Report – Will only get report every quarter.

Water Commissioner's Report – Jack Holley said they found and repaired a small water main break on Route 96. They had trouble locating the break but found it and got it taken care of. The water did not have to be shut off. Mr. Holley has not had time to put stone in the dip in the Hamlet by the post office. Mr. Holley said he would put some cold patch in there. The county still has not done the hole in front of the Episcopal Church in Willard. Supervisor Kaiser asked Mr. Holley if he has been able to schedule any time with Willard Drug Treatment Center about the tree that has to be removed at the end Propsect Street in Willard. Will ask Angel Lawrence to see if she can get hold of Brian Conklin at WDTC to get some kind of schedule to remove the tree. Mr. Holley will try and get it cut up and rolled off to the side.

Bookkeeper's Report – See Attached - In September Supervisor Kaiser brought up for discussion an item about automatic water shut off if the bill is not paid within 45 days after receipt. It cost money to send out certified mailings. Each letter will cost \$4.65 to send certified. That amounts to \$265.00 per quarter. In December we would like to get a resolution to get permission to present it on the bill that if you do not pay bill you water will automatically be shut off after 45 days grace period.

Supervisor's Report – The county is going through their budget process. The budget as presented by Mr. Ashby, the county manager would have given us a tentative 8% county

tax increase. In the budget work shop of November 17, 2004, the finance committee was able to pare it down to a possible 6% increase if, the full board approves the changes. There will be another budget meeting in which we will try to pare it down some more and possibly down to 4%.

Committee Meeting – Hernon Park – The next meeting will be April 27, 2005 at 6:00 PM. We have a candy sale coming up with Hersheys, M&M etc. The vandalism was mostly the benches and picnic tables. They were cut. It was over \$600.00 fine and they only charged a \$200.00 fine. That won't even cover the damage that was done. We are going to start the book and video sales again to benefit the Park.

Nothing to report on WDTC or 5 Point.

Old Business – See Attached. We received a response to our August 2004 Letter regarding the Crosswalk signs in the Hamlet of Romulus from George Doucette, P.E. Regional Traffic Engineer. Mr. Doucette did not feel that the traffic warrants a Crosswalk downtown. He would those supplementary pedestrian crossings signs at the school however, someone would have to put them up and take them down every day. The school should be consulted on this and they maybe would provide a crossing guard. Mr. Gerlach suggested that that might be a school project and it should be discussed with the Superintendent of Romulus School. Supervisor Kaiser said he would approach the school regarding this problem. In dealing with this situation, the end of October, Supervisor Kaiser talked with the State Regional DOT Engineer, George Doucette, and he said that back in 1999, the town had sent a request to get the speed limit at Romulus School reduced. There were 4 criteria that had to be met to have a speed zone established in front of the school. It had nothing to do with it being a Hamlet. The school had to agree to provide a crossing guard at this crossing of the school. Mr. Maniseri at the time, principal at the Romulus School, did not want to provide a crossing guard. Because of that, we could not qualify for a speed zone. In the year 2000, Mr. Doucette said, "They have made the laws more lenient to have a speed zone established." What Supervisor Kaiser would like to do is have the Board's approval tonight to approve me to write a letter. The Town Board was in total agreement.

Bill Bowen of the Beaujon Road in Ovid, wanted to know if there had been a decision on where the new landfill was going to be put. Supervisory Kaiser jokingly told him on the Beaujon Road. This is in regards to the letter sent out by the New York State Waste Management Authority . The New York State Waste Management Authority sent these letters to all the municipalities in Seneca County to get their feedback. The town has not received anything official.

New Business – We have the snow removal Contract with Mr. Howard Blum to remove snow from the sidewalks and entranceways of the Town Hall and the United States Post Office in Williard, New York.

Also, we have the Romulus Central School Removal contract which is basically the same from year to year.

Supervisor Kaiser received a letter on November 16, 2004 from the South Seneca Ambulance, Mr. DeGaray. Mr. DeGaray is requesting the Town of Romulus to give the Ambulance Corp. a Yes or No on whether we are going to agree to the new rate. He is

also asking for the correct number of units for the town. We will get that from Anne Morgan the Assessor.

Back on October 25, 2004, the 3 of the 5 South County Supervisor's who contract with South Seneca Ambulance met in a meeting with Ross Zostro, the New York State EMS and Jim Gabriel our Lawyer, and talked over the concerns we had with the tax payers monies, and tax payer accountability. Between the 3 supervisors, Ovid, Lodi and Romulus, gave our attorney certain framework and perimeters of how we wanted in the contract, what we wanted protected. This Agreement is the result of Jim Gabriels work. See Attached. Supervisor Kaiser is suggesting that we present this to South Seneca Ambulance with a deadline of December 10, 2004 in order to receive the \$5.00 increase that they are requesting. If we do not receive an agreement by December 10, 2004, we will only pay the \$25.00 property fee. If the Board approves of this, we can do this by resolution tonight and we will number the resolution #81-04 Ambulance Contract. We are the first board to be presented with this agreement. Barry O'Neil is very much in support of this. He is the only other person I have talked to. This contract reflects the meeting that the 3 town supervisors had (Foster, Dye and Kaiser).

Motioned by Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Seconded by Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

Resolution:

Verification of Payables

#78-04

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Budget Transfers – Appropriations

Resolution #79-04

Motioned: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of Zoning Board Member

Resolution #80-04

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Carried Unanimously

Authorize Supervisor to Send proposed Contract to Ambulance Corp

Resolution #81-04

Motioned: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerks Report

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Carried Unanimously

The next Town Board Meeting will be December 15, 2004 at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Breakfast will be Thursday, December 23, 2004 @ 9:00 am. See Angel or Mary with your donation.

Close-out meeting – Thursday, December 30, 2004 @ 8:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously.